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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Gilmore
From: Steven S. Pophal
Date: January 20, 2011
Subject: American Institutions Student Event

On Monday evening, January 17th, one hundred and ten students from 9th grade Honors American Institutions classes participated in mock congressional hearings. The hearings are part of the *We The People: The Citizen and the Constitution* curriculum being implemented this year. The simulation required small groups of students to become experts on different portions of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. Student groups testified before a panel of judges (staff and community volunteers) acting as U.S. congressional representatives. During the simulation students were judged on the following criteria: understanding, constitutional application, reasoning, supporting evidence, responsiveness, and participation.

It is noteworthy to mention parents were invited to observe this event and approximately one hundred parents spent the evening at school with their son or daughter.

Finally, I want to recognize Gus Grossklaus and Chad Thompson, the two teachers who took the initiative to make this exceptional learning event possible for their students.